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DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
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Know Your Committee

The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee shall consist of five members who are residents of this State, one whom shall be a public member. All of the remaining members: 1) shall have been actively engaged in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling for at least five years immediately preceding their appointments, 2) have spent the major portion of their time devoted to such activity in New Jersey during the two years preceding their appointments, and 3) except for the first members appointed, two shall be licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors and two shall be certified alcohol and drug counselors.

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The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was established on January 9, 1998 (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-1 et seq.) to function as a committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. The Committee consists of five members who are residents of the State, one of whom is a public member, the other four being actively engaged in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling. The members are appointed by the Governor.

The purpose of the Committee is:

- to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Jersey;
- to regulate the practice of alcohol and drug counseling; and
- to take action against the unprofessional, improper, unauthorized or unqualified practice of alcohol and drug counseling and guard against unprofessional conduct by the licensed individuals who practice alcohol and drug counseling.

The Committee has undertaken the task of writing regulations to accompany and further define the statute. When completed, the regulations will further establish acceptable standards of education, experience, ethics and competency of practice to encourage and promote quality treatment and rehabilitation for drug and alcohol abusers. The Committee meets on the fourth Friday of the month. The following is a list of the remaining meetings for this year.

April 25, 2001	July 27, 2001	October 26, 2001
May 25, 2001	August 24, 2001	November 15, 001
June 22, 2001	September 28, 2001	December 21, 2001

All meetings are held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, beginning at 9:30 a.m.